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REPLY TO NOTIFICATION OF NON-COMPLIANCE WITH 37 C.F.R. §1.192(c)

In a telephone call to the undersigned attorney, the Examiner in charge of the above-identified application at the Patent and Trademark Office, Kevin R. Kruer, pointed out the Notification of Non-Compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.192(c) mailed January 11, 2005 was mailed in error and should be disregarded.

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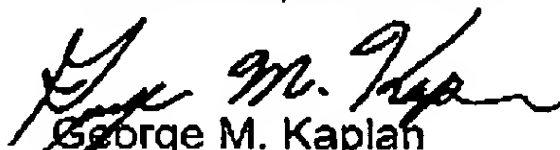
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More particularly, under the recently-adopted revisions to the Rules on Practice before the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences (37 C.F.R. §41.37(c)), a statement that one or more claims do not stand or fall together, is no longer required (point 6(a) checked in the Notice). Accordingly, the Examiner instructed the undersigned attorney to disregard the Notice of Non-Compliance that had been mailed.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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